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SUBJ: BHUTTO VISIT TO TEHRAN

REF: (A) STATE 310841, (B) TEHRAN 12738

1. MINISTER OF COURT ALAM SUMMONED ME MORNING OF DECEMBER 27
AND ASKED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE CONVEYED FROM THE SHAH: QUOTE
WITH REFERENCE TO THE MATTERS RAISED DECEMBER 25 REGARDING THE
CURRENT POSITION OF USG ABOUT THE REPROCESSING PLANT AND
THE A-7 AIRCRAFT TRANSFER TO PAKISTAN, THE SHAH HAS HELD
EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO AND HAS GIVEN
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HIS VIEWS TO HIM ON WHY IRAN IS NOT THINKING OF ESTABLISHING
A REPROCESSING PLANT AND WHY IN THE SHAH'S OPINION, PAKISTAN
SHOULD BETTER BE CONCENTRATING ON STRENGTHENING HER ARMED
FORCES ON NON-ATOMIC CAPABILITIES AND OBVIOUSLY NOT CONTEMPLATING
A REPROCESSING PLANT PROJECT. IT IS THE SHAH'S CONVICTION
THAT THE USG WILL FIND PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO VERY RECEPTIVE

AND COOPERATIVE ON THESE ISSUES, IF ONLY WE COULD GIVE HIM
SOME KIND OF ASSURANCE THAT OUR IMMEDIATE RECOMMENDATION TO
THE CONGRESS ON THE APPROVAL OF A-7 AIRCRAFT AND OTHER
MILITARY TRANSFERS AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN WILL
NOT BE FORGOTTEN WITH THE ADVENT OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION
END QUOTE.

2. ALAM ASSURED ME THAT ALL OF THE POINTS WE HAD CONVEYED
TO THE SHAH PER REFTEL (A) HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED. I
ASKED WHAT BHUTTO'S REACTION WAS TO THE THOUGHT THAT PAKISTAN
MIGHT FOLLOW THE SAME FORMULA IRAN HAS WITH NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS
(REFTEL A). ALAM SAID THAT GIVEN PUBLIC POSITION BHUTTO HAS
TAKEN ON THIS SUBJECT HE IS STILL PONDERING WHETHER THIS OR
SOME OTHER TACK MIGHT BE THE BEST WAY OF CLIMBING DOWN BUT
REAFFIRMED THE SHAH'S CONVICTION WHICH HE FELT HE MANAGED
TO CONVEY TO BHUTTO EFFECTIVELY THAT IT WOULD BE FOOLISH FOR
PAKISTAN TO GO NUCLEAR.
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